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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR GIVES PRESS CONFERENCE ON  
ECHEVERRIA SEC GEN CANDIDACY

1. EXCELSIOR PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW GIVEN BY COLOMBIAN'S AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, ALVARO URIBE RUEDA, IN GUADALAJARA ON AUGUST 26. URIBE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE NATIONS OF THE THIRD WORLD ARE OBLIGATED TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. HE ADDED: "I BELIEVE THIS ASPIRATION OF MEXICO SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. MOREOVER, I THINK IT IS TIME THAT LATIN AMERICA HAS A SECRETARY AND THIS ASPIRATION HAS THE WARM AND ENTHUSIASTIC BACKING OF OUR NATIONS." URIBE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY IS GAINING SUPPORT IN ASIA AND AFRICA AND THAT HE DID "NOT SEE THAT THERE WAS MUCH DANGER THAT THE POWERFUL NATIONS WOULD VETO IT."

2. URIBE ALSO COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON SELA SAYING THAT ITS CREATION WOULD BE THE FIRST STAGE OF A POLITICAL ORGANI-  
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ZATION WHICH SHOULD COME LATER IN ORDER TO UNIFY LATIN

AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECOOMIC POLICY.

3. IN ADDITION, URIBE SAID THAT COLOMBIANS BELIEVE THAT THE OAS IS A LEGAL INSTRUMENT FOR DEALING WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THAT "IT WOULD BE STUPID TO GIVE THE OAS TO THE US AS A GIFT(OR) TO TERMINATE IT." HE ADDED THAT " IT IS A SETTING WHERE WE CAN HOLD DISCUSSIONS AS EQUALS."

4. COMMENT: WHILE URIBE'S STATEMENT ON ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY FOR UN SECRETARY GENERAL FALLS SHORT OF BEING AN ACTUAL ENDORSEMENT, IT DOES INDICATE THAT COLOMBIA IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE IDEA.  
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